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Bush Is Told To Brief Jim On U.S. Policy

Washington, July 21 (News Bureau) — President Ford instructed Central Intelligence Agency director George Bush today to brief Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter on national security and foreign policy developments next Wednesday in Carter's hometown of Plains, Ga., White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said.

Democratic vice presidential nominee Walter F. Mondale can participate in the briefing "if he wants it," Nessen said. He added that Bush may take a couple of aides to Plains with him, but that the President wants Bush himself to provide the intelligence update.

It has become traditional for a President to offer such briefings to the major parties' presidential nominee. They are usually done by the secretary of state, but Carter, who has criticized Secretary of State Kissinger's policies, had said he would prefer receiving the briefing from Bush.